

Appl. No. 10/608,865
Amendment dated January 25, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 9, 2006

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants have cancelled claims 17-51 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuation applications.

Applicants have amended claims 9-16. Applicants have amended the claims to correct typographical error in the claim numbering and to correct claim dependencies. Applicants submit that these amendments to the claims are supported throughout the specification and do not represent new matter.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, (now renumbered claims 1-16) directed to OB1 for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative if prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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